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hou canst not prove the Nameless, O my son;
hou canst not prove the world thou movest in;
hou canst not prove that thou are body alone,
r canst thou prove that thou art spirit alone;
r canst thou prove that thou art both in one.
hou canst not prove thou art immortal—no,
r yet that thou art mortal—Nay, my son;
hou canst not prove that I who speak with thee
m not thyself in converse with thyself;
r nothing worthy proving can be proven,
r yet disproven; wherefore be thou wise,
eave ever to the sunnier side of doubt.

CHINESE ANNIVERSARY.

An interesting invitation printed in English on e page and in Chinese on another asked for iends to attend the fiftieth anniversary of the inese Congregational Church of San Francisco. April 4th.

For the first half of that fifty year period the ork was carried on by the "Congregational Asciation of Chinese Christians," during which me numerous Chinese brethren were baptized and ceived into the Bethany Church of which Wm. Pond was pastor. Usually they were members the Association for six months, under instruction d testing, before being baptized. When Dr. nd resigned from that pastorate, the Chinese to e number of nearly 200 were dismissed to organe the Chinese Church. This church now has 240 embers.

Many of the former members have joined village urches back in the districts from which they me. A large number organized themselves into church with headquarters in the city of Canton; edifice is now nearing completion for this church the choicest part of that city, which will accomodate one thousand worshippers. Rev. Y. S. Tom is pastor of this church; he is one of Dr. Pond's 'boys,' who completed his preparation for the ministry at the Pacific School of Religion. "This church" writes Dr. Pond "ought to become a spiritual lighthouse in a region where upwards of three million human beings are settled."

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Mr. Griffiths was a man who was loved by a multitude of folk. His spirit of kindness and that genial humor that was so characteristic of him made him a welcome companion everywhere. He had great skill in dealing with people; and this in part accounts for his invariable success in the fields in which he labored.

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Mr. Powell wastes no space in discussing unessential matters; he puts his thought into few clear easily understood words; and he is fortunately gifted with a style that makes him pleasant reading. He says that he had the young people and their needs constantly in mind during the preparation of this book.

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THE SEARCH

I sought His love in sun and stars
And where the wild seas roll,
But found it not; as mute I stood,
Fear overwhelmed my soul;
But when I gave to one in need,
I found the Lord of Love indeed.

I sought His love in lure of books,
In charts of science's skill;
They left me orphaned as before,
His love eluded still;
Then in despair I breathed a prayer;
The Lord of Love was standing there.

HISTORY AS SHOULD BE

The trustees of the San Jose Public Library have initiated a new movement in historical writing. They have decided that if a troop of Britishers defeated a troop of Americans, it is unamerican to tell the truth about it. Loyalty to one's country demands that we teach our young folk that we "licked" the Britisher, whether we did or not.

If anything is recorded in the text not to the honor of America it is treason; the question whether the record is true or false does not arise. That it is derogatory of our glory, that it impinges unpleasantly on our pride, is sufficient to eliminate it from the story.

What those trustees want is, not history—but taffy.

THE NEW YORK OFFICE

We Congregationalists used to be a simple folk; we had no great machine; we had no extraordinary over-head expense; we had no overseers.

But that day is passing, has passed. We now have an elaborate machinery; we have immense overhead expenses; we are somewhat under the thumb of our overseers. Secretaries and Executives are better words.

But the point is that we have an immense officialdom. They tell us to go, and if we dont go, it is a bit unpleasant for us.

To come down to it in a few words, we have too much politics. We have fallen from grace. We no longer simple and democratic. It would better if we could shake ourselves loose from this machinery; the money would go further; would accomplish as much, nay, more; and th would be less friction.

Some day the churches will wake up and revo tionize.

WE ARE MARCHING ON.

Easter was a glad day for nearly all our churc and the reports that have been appearing show t while the additions to membership seem not q so large as on some previous Easters, the terest in the day and its services was fully up the high water mark. The following Sunday, stead of showing the usual slump in attendance many churches proved to be as encouraging joyful as Easter itself.

It is of interest that while we have all been s ing that the church seems to be losing its grip u the masses, and is apparently in an eclipse, past year has shown an unprecedented increase membership and it still holds good that the chur es are giving for current expenses and for bene lences as never before. We have talked "slum where there is none.

A GOOD INVESTMENT

We are anxious that some one who has mo should invest for the sake of Christ and the Ki dm, in a Moving Picture Machine for the use the Weaverville Church.

Mr. Riley is working hard up there in Tri County for the uplift of the people. He ran an vertisement in our columns asking for such an paratus; he has not received it yet. He says devil has plenty of things in that region to in est and get the young people; dance halls and g bling tables. He wants a picture machine to of some of these evil influences. Won't somebody up and take this opportunity. It will not co fortune. If you cannot do it alone, join with some else; only see that that brave man's heart is chee and the young people up there have a chance. W will speak first?

STATISTICS TRUE AND FALSE

Figures are misleading,—unless we get the ri slant on them. They may be very deceiving. T will sometimes argue success when nothing but f ure is in sight.

For instance, what becomes of the prosperity any organization which may comfort itself w receiving scores of new members, if it be a fact t out of the back door goes forth a stream nea as large as is arriving at the front.

Churches are often estimated by the number on he membership roll. A poor criterion that! For f there are 300 names there, and never more than 0 persons to be found in the morning congregation, he published statistics are not only misleading, but bsolutely false. What is the real strength of such church? What is the actual meaning of membership in such a church?

Yet it is a fact that in a multitude of our churches he attendance at religious services is not more han 30, or 40, or 50 per cent of the enrollment? nd in that attendance is found a goodly number of eople whose names are not down on the books.

Locating the blame for this condition of things will ake a deal of wisdom. Surely the minister is seldom t fault. How invariably conscientious and self-acrificing he is! No eight-hour man is he. And e never stints his giving, in love and prayer and abors. If it were not for the devoted minister, many of our churches would actually and immediately collapse.

Perhaps we have not enough stressed the holy ignificance of church membership. How would it lo to begin on that and keep at it for a year, then watch for results? Something better might happen vith the people.

ALWAYS WITH THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

After a happy married life of over 46 years, Mrs. . K. Browne passed into the great experience of he other life on March 1. She and her husband ad spent over a third of a century in the missionary work of the American Board in Turkey. Her failng health necessitated their return to this country n 1912. Since then they have been together serving he same cause among the American churches.

Mrs. Browne won for herself a multitude of riends on this coast by her rare personality. Shut ff from much of the strenuous work of her husband, by poor health, she yet manifested a real eroism in helping him to keep all his appointments ven though at the cost of many and long separaions.

It is claimed that the Christian Church in China s profiting considerably by the organized Anti-hristian movement. "It has brought Christianity o the attention of multitudes who otherwise would ave given it no attention; and it has stimulated the hristian leaders to greater zeal."

CONTINUING THE PACIFIC

The Conference Board of Trustees appointed a ommittee composed of David H. Dexter, George T. lartin and Reed. B. Cherrington to "make recomendation as to the continuance of the Pacific in iew of the deficit involved in operating." This committee after careful consideration of the matter referred to it reported:—

1. There is need of a denominational paper in the Conference.

2. The Pacific is a necessary means of intercommunication between the churches and the Conference office, which would have to be met by some other means incurring expense.

3. Most denominational papers are not self-supporting.

4. A discontinuance would involve expense in refunding money already received.

5. We find a steadily growing interest which if properly encouraged may tend to reduce the existing monthly deficit.

6. We therefore recommend that the paper be continued along present lines until the next annual Conference, at which time the matter of a permanent policy looking to a subsidy for the Pacific should be considered.

The committee also desired a closer relation between the paper and the various Coast organizations. The report was adopted by the trustees who laid emphasis upon the desire that the paper should give as much local church news as possible.

CHURCH EXTENSION ANNUAL MEETING.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Seattle Church Extension Society was held with the University Church. Nearly three hundred delegates and pastors were present. H. C. Mason, gave the address of welcome, and the response was given by Rev. Edward Lincoln Smith, pastor of Pilgrim Church and president of the Society. The principal address was by F. J. Van Horn, formerly of First Church ,Oakland, and now of First Church, Tacoma, who received a royal welcome from former parishioners and friends as did also his wife who accompanied him.

The outstanding work of the Society the past year has been to aid four of the smaller churches and missions to improve their plants. These four are Roosevelt chapel in the Northwest part of the city, where a new work was started a year ago. This is an extension of the University Church school, and now has a regular preaching service, conducted by H .C. Mason. All indebtedness on the Loyal Heights Church, the latest church to be organized in the city has been cleared off the past year and the church has been aided to secure two lots for the new site, Rev. C. H. Shank is pastor.

The other two mission fields aided are in the south end. One of these is Olivet, and the other Highland chapel where an extension has been made to the building, and a new furnace put in. Work on the various mission fields was reviewed with the aid of stereopticon views by Superintendent C. R.

Gale. For the coming year a special fund of $12,000 is to be raised, one of the beneficiaries of this fund will be the Columbia church where a new plant to cost $26,000 is planned. Rev. Geo K. McClure is pastor.

BY VOTE.

The report of the Loomis Church in the February number of "The Pacific" reminds me of the circumstances which led to its organization. People representing eight denominations were conducting a union Sunday School some distance from town. Not one was a Congregationalist. They wanted a church and to determine the kind they should have, ministers were invited to present the claims or advantages of their respective communions. Mrs. Bedell, a member of the Christian Church invited me to speak for the Congregationalists. I was then pastor at Auburn. At a final meeting when ballots were cast, I was much pleased to learn that with only one dissenting vote, the decision was otherwise unanmously in favor of a Congregational Church. H. F. BURGESS.

The Southern California Conference meets May 7, 8 and 9 at Glendale, a suburb of Los Angeles. The sermon is to be by John Gardner of Riverside, President Aurelia Reinhardt of Mills College is down for two addresses: "Christ in the Life of Women of Today" and "Christ in the Education of Today." Mr. McCall of the Berkeley First Church is also to speak twice. Other speakers are Frederick L. Fagley of New York, Prof. Raymond C. Brooks of Pomona College; George T. Sims, Religious Education Director; and Prof. R. T. Flewelling of Los Angeles.

The San Francisco Journal, without question the cleanest and best family newspaper of this region, on Sunday April 15th ran a fine article upon Rev. William C. Pond, D.D., under the title "Our Grand Old Man." The writer of that account sketched something of the history of Dr. Pond's services to the State, and gave discriminating praise for our veteran. The story was further set off by a life-like portrait.

OUR OPEN FORUM.

Dear Editor:—

I am inspired or incited or something to drop you these few lines by something I read the other day in the Pacific in an advertisement of the ——— church calling for a pastor who must not be over forty-five years old.

Not over forty-five years! Why, hang it, man, most ministers are not worth very much before that age. Of course I know that somebody has said that most ministers never get a new idea into their heads after that date; but then some ministers never g any new ideas at all, at all, after they leave t seminary.

But if all churches made such a rule as that, wh would become of most of us anyhow? Oh, we what's the use anyway?

Cordially yours,

X. Y. Z

MR. McCALL ANSWERS QUESTIONS
Betrayed by Judas

"Jesus seems to speak of his betrayal by Jud as being 'that the Scripture might be fulfille what does that mean?"

Certainly not that Judas was predestined to ray Christ. Sitting with the disciples at the L Supper, and knowing Judas' frame of mind, Je recalls a complaint in the 41st Psalm having to with what the Psalmist was suffering: "He wh did eat of my bread hath lifted up his heel agai me." The circumstances are similar, and Je points that out.

We are continually doing the same sort of thi "A rolling stone gathers no moss," says the pr erb; we see an illustration of it, and the prov is "fulfilled." So during those last distressing d with Judas, that quotation from the Psalmist see to have pressed with poignant suitability upon Master's mind, for he more than once alluded it. "The scripture," of course, is that particu passage, not the Scriptures, or the whole of Bible.

EASTER GLADNESS.

Reno, Nevada, Norman W. Pendleton, pastor The Federated Church had a great Easter. T ty-one new members were received into memb ship, and the fact that they came from many dif ent denominations gave the pastor occasion to it "a victory for Christian unity." His sermon on "The triumph of Easter in modern thoug The auditorium was filled to capacity and sc of people were turned away. Stainer's Crucifix was rendered to a full house in the evening.

Tacoma, First: F. J. Van Horn, pastor.—The w is thriving under the new pastor. He reports members already this year; and hopes for a "n auditorium to complete and modernize the pla The church was remembered by a gift of $2, from D. D. Clarke who was for many years deacon.

Hayward, A. P. Orth, pastor.—On Sunday ev ing the church had a Bible play, which drew or great crowd and made a deep religious impres upon the congregation. The Sunday school breaking all records in attendance. Each mc

ne work of some one missionary society is present- d and the offering goes to that field.

Mill Valley, William H. Youngman, pastor.— 'hough Mr. Youngman was unable to be present at he morning services on account of sickness in the amily, Rev. W. W. Furze who preached said there ras a full house, and a delightful service. The Em- orium Quartette sang; and four members were re- eived into the Church.

Broadmoor, R. B. Dodge in charge.—The congre- ations are running close to 100 each Sunday, and he Sunday school has an attendance of 60. The hurch received 21 members on Easter, and now as a membership of 60. Eighteen of the new nembers were baptized.

Eagle Rock, E. Morgan Isaac, pastor.—Easter vas a memorable day. Twenty-six new members vere received into fellowship, eleven on confession f faith. Twelve were men. Most of these were oung married people from twenty-five to thirty- ive years of age. A large vested chorus added argely to the success of the day. The membership f this church has increased during two years from little over one hundred members to 313.

Campbell, W. E. Eckles pastor.—Easter joy was nchanced by the addition of 9 new members to he church. A fine congregation and a happy day.

Woodside, B. St. John, pastor.—The Sunday chool children gave a beautiful Easter production o a crowded house. The congregation gave an of- fering of $100.

Sebastopol, B. Dent Naylor, pastor.—A beautiful service; and five new members received on con- fession.

Fairfax, A. C. Bowdish, pastor.—The young peo- ple gave "The Triumph of Love" written by Mar- garet Slattery, expressing the deep spiritual joy of he resurrection. The pageant was repeated the next night for the benefit and inspiration of the recognition council which welcomed the church into he Congregational fellowship. Nine charter mem- bers were added bringing the total to 33. The new community hall was used on April 8th for services.

Fresno, First, Thomas Giffen, pastor.—The church had a great congregation and wonderful music. The church always has good music. Twen- ty-one were received into the membership; and the remarkable feature was that eleven of them were stalwart men. The majority was on confession of faith.

Guerneville, E. D. Weage, pastor.—Easter brought four new members to the church, two chil- dren were baptized, and a large offering made for benevolences. During the year past a live Christian Endeavor Society has been organized, Boy's Scouts, Woman's Study Club, and a Town Library Associa- tion.

Ceres, George E. Atkinson, pastor.—Easter was a a wonderful day for the church; the Masons attend- ed in a body at the evening service; the choir ren- dered an Easter Cantata and the pastor spoke on "The religious significance of the third degree." All the lights were turned out except a large electric cross; it was very impressive and many favorable comments made.

Suisun, Edmund Owens, pastor.—Easter Sunday was a big day for the church. The Masons at- tended in a body in the morning. In the evening the Sunday School gave an elaborate program. A special offering of $90 was given to benevolences. On the Sunday following Easter two adults and six young people from the pastor's catechism class united with the church on confession of faith. There were four baptism. This church will enter- tain the Upper Bay Association on May 8th. Rev. Richard C. Day of Loomis will propose the consoli- dation of Sacramento Valley and the Upper Bay As- sociations.

Oceanview, Arthur S. Ford, pastor.—There was not room in the church for the people who wanted to attend the morning service. Four new members were received. Superintendent Dodge baptized a son of the pastor. There was a large attendance at night. The pastor has a large class of boys under week-day instruction in the Bible, and also in gymnasium work. The Christian Endeavor So- ciety is alive and effective.

Fresno, German, Rev. Karl H. Stahl, pastor.— This is the largest church in Fresno, having over 1100 members. The Easter services were crowded and there was much deep feeling manifested. The pastor received 70 new members into the church.

Alameda, Harvey W. Miller, pastor.—There were 15 accessions to the church, among that number was the pastor's daughter whom he also baptized. Twelve infants also were baptized. In the evening

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the Knights Templars attended in a body. There were large congregations both morning and evening. The choir of forty voices gave "Holy City" in the evening. The Sunday school room has been finished in white enamel, giving a much more cheery appearance to the room.

Niles, E. C. Oakley, pastor. The small Protestant community turned out well for the Easter services. The theme of the sermon was "If a man may die and live again." The Sunday School attended in a body and assisted the church in the musical service. The Easter offering amounted to $360. The most encouraging feature of the work in this field is the Sunday school; the attendance running over 50.

Oakland, First, W. C. Waddell assistant pastor. —In spite of the fact that the church has been without a pastor since last October, the work forges ahead. Under Mr. Waddel's excellent management there has been a net gain of two members in the past few months. The Easter offering was $500; there were 15 baptisms, and 36 new members; of this group 19 were boys and girls of the teen age. The church has an efficient troop of 30 Boy Scouts.

Oakland, Plymouth, C. L. Kloss, pastor.—Easter brought great audiences. The plate collection that day brought in $846. During the present pastorate the church has paid off $41,000 of debt and now has remaining only about $5,000 which it is paying off a little each year. The Sunday school has an an enrollment of over 800. The women's work is organized in circles for fostering a wider fellowship. The attendance runs as high as 250. In one month 200 fellowships calls were made.

Oakland, Boulevard, J. B. Orr, pastor.—Four members were received. The Boulevard players presented a play at the Oakland Auditorium for the Bay Association of churches and drew an enthusiastic audience of over one thousand. The church is doing some rarely fine work among the young people of the neighborhood.

San Lorenzo, W. J. Speers, pastor. All the Protestant children are enrolled in the Sunday School. The Endeavor Society is doing excellently. Mount Eden not far away, with a Union Church building, surrounded by Japanese offers a promising opening a plea has been received from the community for a worker.

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Weaverville; Rev. W. W. Riley, pastor. On East ten new members were received, six on them on cc fession. Only a short time before the pastor ceived another class of 10, all of them on confessi

Easter evening the church was crowded to he a cantata entitled "Darkness and Dawn." The Su day school also had an enjoyable Easter celebrati

WASHINGTON NEWS

Rev. P. E. Bauer has resigned at Green La Church, Seattle.

For fifteen years, under the leadership of Rev. S ney Strong, the Queen Anne Congregational Chur has written a chapter of high idealism, suppor by splendid standards of intellect and charact Deeply appreciating the noble purpose and f reaching influence of the past, the Church has cepted the resignation of Dr. Strong and now fa the future. Rev. John P. Clyde, the Washing State Evangelist, is at present in charge by invi tion of the Church.

The merger of the three north-side churches Spokane—Plymouth, Pilgrim and Corbin Park into one organization, is being fully canvassed. T proposal is to erect, at a central point, one lar commodious, well-equipped building to cost ab $75,000.

Rev. John P. Clyde, graduate of Grinnell Coll and Yale University, and pastor in South Dako Iowa and Oregon, has been secured by the Washi ton Conference to be a general worker and evan list in that state.

Plymouth Church, Seattle, on Easter Sunday ceived $2,400 for a Boy's Worker.

H. F. E

HISTORIC BUILDING VACATED

The Congregational Church of Sacramento held its last services in the old building, erected the early days under the pastorate of Joseph Benton. On Sunday, April 15th, John B. Silco former pastor, preached the farewell sermons to diences that filled the structure both morning evening.

"This church building," said the preacher, " stood here for seventy years as a great lightho of God in this city." The morning sermon was u "The worth of the church to the community"; in the evening he preached on "The supreme ex lency of the Christian religion." The open of ings for the day were $240.

Rev. R. C. Day of Loomis came over to the mo ing service with about fifty of his congregation help in the services, and at the communion wh followed. Six new members were received into church. The church expects to put up a new

ice at once on lots which they own in a better part of the city. In the meantime they will worship in the Tuesday Club building.

Rev. Harley H. Gill of the Stockton church, who was unanimously called to the pastorate, has notified the church of his acceptance. He resigned from the Stockton church after a five-year service and plans to enter upon his new field on the first of July.

THE AVALON RETREAT

"The best ever" is the unanimous judgment of the 77 ministers from our Southern California Churches, who attended the 11th annual retreat at Avalon the week following Easter. Four men were there who had been present at all eleven retreats. The weather for the first time was damp and rainy part of the week, necessitating the morning hilltop meetings being transferred to the church, with the exception of Wednesday morning. But the fine fellowship made us forget the clouded skies.

Carl S. Patton opened on Monday evening with one of his delightfully informal talks on "Our Calling," in which he glorified the ministry and recalled many of the men who had influenced his life. Prof. Hugh Hartshorne of the University of Southern California gave us two addresses along the line of religious education that provoked earnest discussion.

Wednesday we were entertained by the gracious Avalon folks at a picnic several miles down the shore, making the trip in the glass-bottom boats, by means of which the beauties of the marine garden life were revealed to us. Various stunts and games after dinner aided in making the day one of genuine refreshment.

Wednesday evening, following a precedent established at the first retreat, Rev. James M. Campbell, nestor of the institution, had charge of the service. Despite his more than 80 years, he gave us an address on "Christian Optimism" that was profound and heartening.

The other morning sessions were presided over by Luther Freeman, new pastor at Pomona, who led us in a discussion concerning pastoral work; D. F. Fox of Pasadena, who took up the matter of the enriching of the worship; and Prof. Raymond Brooks of Pomona College, whose subject was "The Original Sources of Sermon Composition."

President Swartz of the Pacific School of Religion, in a masterful address Thursday evening showed us the unity of the Sermon on the Mount, and incidentally spoke of the paucity of candidates for the ministry here on the coast.

Others among our leaders who were present and took some part in the meetings were J. K. Brown and Henry H. Kelsey of the American Board, Prof. Graham Taylor of Chicago, Wm. S. Beard, of New York, one of the Secretarys of the Home Missionary Society, and G. W. Hinman of the A. M. A.

Space will not permit particularizing further as to the program, but more time should have been allowed for general discussion.

Every man present went back to his work as from a Mount of Transfiguration, spiritually, physically and socially renewed. It would be a blessing to all our conferences if a similar spring retreat could be arranged, following Easter each year.

EASTER ADDITIONS IN WASHINGTON

Seattle

	Conf.	Letter	Total
Fauntleroy	6	3	9
Columbia	96	30	126
Plymouth	52	30	83
Japanese	10		10
Beacon Hill	34	6	40
Olivet	4		4
University	13	12	25
Fairmount	29	5	34
Pilgrim	10	1	11
Keystone	1	1	8
Prospect	5	3	8
Everett, First	28	1	29
Arlington, First	8	1	9
Tacoma, First	23	18	41
Tacoma, Pilgrim	10	6	16

THE SUNNY SOUTH

Rev. Louis A. Goddard, who took the pastorate at Olivet, Los Angeles, last fall, has been compelled to resign on account of continued ill health. He was making a good start and there is great regret that he felt obliged to take this step.

The Japanese Union Church, Los Angeles, was dedicated on Palm Sunday, with President Jas. A. Blaisdell of Pomona College preaching the sermon. This is a "Presbygational" church, formed by the Union of a Presbyterian and Congregational church in 1918. They have a fine $80,000 plant, well adapted to modern city work.

Rev. John B. Toomey, Ontario pastor, continues critically ill with rheumatism.

Glendale has just dedicated a fine modern building and organ at an expense of over $100,000.

Rev. Wm. A. Tate, formerly at Lahaina, Hawaii, has just accepted a call to the Sierra Madre Church.

Rev. and Mrs. Carl S. Patton of Los Angeles First Church are spending three weeks at Hawaii.

Rev. Edward D. Gaylor of Pilgrim Church, Boston, has been spending two Sundays with the Church of the Messiah, and will come to take up its pastorate in the fall.

Children's Sermons

BY WILLARD BROWN THORP

CHILDREN AND ANIMALS

All children are greatly interested in animals. If you doubt it, drive around with a small dog as I do, and watch how the children gather round him. They never notice me but only the dog.

I notice that in their attitude toward animals there are two very different kinds of children. Some are always petting them, stroking them, feeding them, making friends with them. It hurts them to see an animal suffer. But there are other children —I wonder if any of them are present this morning—who think it great fun to tease and torment an animal and stir him up to fight. You all know children who are that way. They are like little savages; they have not yet learned to be Christians. Can you imagine the boy Jesus tormenting a dog or a cat, tying things to his tail, throwing stones at him, sticking pins into him, or kicking and cuffing him around? Can you imagine Jesus setting a cruel steel trap for some harmless animal? or robbing mother birds of their precious eggs? or shooting birds just for pleasure?

We must remember that such animals as the dog and the cat and the horse, from long association with men have become almost human in their thoughts and feelings. They share our joys and sorrows, and if we are kind to them they will give us unfailing affection. You can win the love of any animal by just being kind to it. And I believe you can win the love of any human being too by just being kind.

The morning after my dear mother died, my father went out to the barn and there he found that the old family cat had crawled into a dark corner, sick unto death. Before mother's funeral the old cat was dead. Who can doubt that she died of grief? That is the way the animals learn to love us.

Let us resolve that we will not only be kind to animals ourselves, but will stand up for them whenever we see anyone trying to torment them.

THE BAY ASSOCIATION.

It is some time since the Association has met with the Niles Church. On April 10, nearly a hundred delegates were in attendance; and the general feeling was that it was an interesting and helpful meeting. The reports from the churches were full of Easter triumph. Rev. C. F. Clarke and J. W. Payne discussed from different points of view "what it is to be a Christian." And Harvey Miller in his inimitable way spoke on "The Christian as a Citizen in his Community."

The Ladies' Guild of the church, gave a substantial meal; Rev. F. Vernon Jones presided as moderator; and everybody was happy.

For what was kindly meant
Express no discontent
Though done amiss:
The motive saves the deed, the heart
Turns ill to good, and this
Redeems the evil part.

WORTH NOTING.

Mrs. Booker T. Washington at an Interracial Conference in Memphis said: The negro home in the past did not have a fair chance; under slavery it did not have even the sanction of legal marriage. Now the younger Negro women are very responsive to influence toward making the home more ideal. They wish to know what food is best for their children; they are interested in tasteful clothing, and health and sanitation.

For every 95 boys in school in China there are only five girls. The seriousness of this is manifest. Christian homes that are worthy cannot be established without educated Christian mothers.

Burnt fingers dread the fire. The inmates of 3 penal institutions took a ballot recently on prohibition; 133,412 voted for it; 909 voted against it. The probability is that the latter are what are called confirmed criminals and want nothing better than rum and a jail sentence.

A series of Sunday school lessons have been prepared for the American Indians to teach them the duty of personal Christian living, to organize the conflicting impulses of their lives so as to develop habits of Christian service and heroism. Perhaps the same series would not come amiss for many of our white youth in America.

There is no field of home missionary endeavor where the spirit and processes of co-operation among all denominational boards and workers may thoroughly manifest themselves than in the field of Christian work among American Indians. The task is one big common job.

The Anti-Saloon League, the most effective enemy of the saloon and the whole liquor business, started in a Congregational prayer meeting in Oberlin, Ohio.

The Baptists are disappointed over their New World Movement. The collections are not coming in as expected. Pledges now past due and unpaid amount to $13,449,816. Great embarrassment has resulted from this delay.

THE FEET OF JUDAS
By George Marion McClellan

Christ washed the feet of Judas!
Yet all his lurking sin was bare to Him,
His bargain with the priest, and more than this,
In Olivet, beneath the moonlight dim,
Aforehand knew and felt his treacherous kiss.

And so if we have ever felt the wrong
Of trampled rights, of caste, it matters not;
Whate'er the soul has felt or suffered long,
O heart, this one thing should not be forgot:
Christ washed the feet of Judas.

THE MISSION OF JESUS

Rev. Watts O. Pye last summer made a trip to the northern section of Shensi, where the Great Wall divides China from Mongolia. Arriving at Fu Ku, a county seat, he was met by an audience of 5,000 people, including the leading officials of the country, 70 in number. The magistrate presided and stated that the object of the meeting was two-fold: first to express appreciation for what the Church is doing for the people of the country, and second to apply for the placing of chapels in the main centers of the county.

When Mr. Pye asked why they wanted the Church, the answer came that they had five objects in view. First and foremost, to clear the county of bandits. Second, to help in the anti-footbinding campaign. Third, to assist in arousing interest in the campaign for better roads. Fourth, to strengthen the hands of local officials and village headmen. Fifth, to help in the self-government movement now starting in Shensi. This gave the missionary his chance.

Mr. Pye explained that the Church could and would render a great service in all these directions, but that this was not the main object of the Church. He went on to state that they needed first of all to have their lives put right towards the one true and only God and His law of brotherhood among men. He then preached a straight gospel sermon, with the result that a number of influential men offered themselves for the Bible training class which looks to baptism.

THEY LIVE

We question if there is today any more interest in the life after this than there always has been. So far as we can go back in the history of man's mind, the Great Hereafter has had compelling interest. Man has always wondered; sometimes he has doubted; sometimes he has stood on the rock of an unshakable faith.

Men today are enraptured with Today. Life now and here has never before meant so much. And yet, he keeps looking outward and forward; and wonders.

Even among Christian people, with a faith that marks them as disciples of the Teacher, there are many shades, many variations of expectation. Some think they are to be absorbed, taken up into the sea, to lose their identity, their consciousness; while others, feeling that that would be no immortality, are hoping, sometimes going beyond a hope even to the level of assurance, that they will live, consciously live, they themselves as really, as personally, as now they live and are conscious of their living.

In his new volume entitled "They live,—and not far away," Morris Turk does not undertake to prove a life after this. This is apart from his thought. He attempts an "interpretation of the life beyond," and endeavors to bring home to the believer the "good news, that our loved ones are near, and that we may learn of them if our desire is strong enough."

Some headings of his chapters show the process of the book: Reality of the life beyond; Communion with the dead? yes; Prayers for the dead? why not; Voices from the other world; and Great affairs of heaven. Readers will not always agree with the author; but that he does not ask. Every reader will be interested and most of them will be instructed.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Bay Point, William Floyd, pastor.—The morning congregations have run as high as 65, and will average 40; which is pretty fine for a church having only 13 members. The Sunday school has an enrollment of 40.

Grass Valley, Rev. B. F. Sargent supplied the pulpit one Sunday of last month and when he made a request for any who desired to be prayed for to come to the pulpit platform, he was delighted to have four young men respond to his request. The church has called Rev. E. O. Chapel of Benicia to become their pastor.

Antioch, G. Southwell Brett, pastor.—The pastor conducts a Bible class on Friday afternoons which is faithfully attended by a few women. The church has a membership of 61 and the attendance at church services will average about 35. The general condition of the church has been greatly improved since last year. The financial outlook is better. The Women's Guild is doing excellent work.

Benicia, E. O. Chapel, pastor.—The efficient organization of this church is its Woman's Society. It is through this group that the finances are largely provided for and that the attendance at the services is kept up. The society has grown from 36 to 68 members. The largest congregation with which the pastor has been greeted is 95. There is an in-

termediate Christian Endeavor Society of 15 members. Mr. Chapel has accepted a call to the church at Grass Valley.

Alturas, W. D. Amack, pastor.—The average morning attendance on Sunday has been about 70, although on special occasions the congregation has run as high as 140. The young people are beginning to attend the services. Once each month the church has a conference which begins with a prayer meeting; after that any who wish to confess Christ are baptized and received, then there is the administering of the Lord's Supper, after which the congregation all engage in a social time. In the 3 months 7 have been received making the membership 87. One Sunday the pastor drove 25 miles over to Davis Creek and preached to a congregation of 50.

Oakland, Grace, Charles Mundell, pastor.—The church was represented at the Bay Association in Niles by six members. The pastor is absent for six weeks. The pulpit is ably supplied by a substitute. The services are very well attended. We have at the present time 106 members. We deeply regret the loss our church has sustained by the death of Rev. Griffith Griffths, our pastor emeritus. He was pastor of our church at two difference times and was dearly loved by all her members.

Crockett; Federated Church. While Mr. Roper supplied the Congregational Church at Crockett he was able to bring it and the Presbyterian church into such friendly relations that they have eventually federated. This Community church is faring well under the new arrangement. The morning congregation is 60 and the evening 100. On Easter day 9 new members were added to the Presbyterian side of the church and 21 to the Congregational. The prayer meeting has from 14 to 22 in attendance with a fine spirit. The church is making an effort to raise $3,000. During the last month the people gave $400. But this is felt to be a rather high-water mark.

Very pathetic is the interest which the Association against the Prohibition Amendment is manifesting in the welfare of the children and young people. These "wets" have discovered that Volsteadism is endangering our youth. The children do not like the restraints of the Eighteenth Amendment, therefore (so they reason)) let's repeal the law. Some other people, not "wet," use the same foolish argument.

ABOUT RELIGION

One Sunday recently the Disciples Church held what they called a Whole Family Sunday. The method was to have the whole family at church, a sitting together as a family. The pastors preach sermons on "The Great American Home." Perha there would be no better and more effective meth for the re-establishing of the church than to o serve such a day every Sunday in the year. Wh excuse is there for the absense of the father or t children from the family pew?

Another great preacher finds he must curtail h ministry. Norwood of the City Temple, London, h to give up his Thursday noon meeting for the bus ness men of the metropolis on account of over-wor It is a misfortune that this historic meeting has go into the discard; business men and ministers large numbers have been in attendance. Dr. No wood, like many another modern minister, has t many calls upon his time and strength. Would not be better if our leading ministers could fr themselves from so many small tasks for the bi ger service of the church. Gifted preachers oug not to be errand boys

The total membership of all churches in t United States, according to the Federal Council churches, is 47,461,558. There was a net gain 1922 of 1,220,428 members, the largest in the hi tory of the church here. The Roman Catho church claims 18,000,000 members; this includes

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aptized children. The Protestants claim a membership if 29,000,000; and a constituency of about 0,000,000. The Congregationalists, with 838,000 nembers, made a net gain of a little more than 2% n membership; the Presbyterians. with 1,722,000 nembers, gained a little less than 2%; while the Methodists, with over four million members, made gain of 3%. The Roman church gain was a little ver 1%. The Unitarians have 108,000 members and ained 4%.

LENT AT POMONA COLLEGE

Oberammergau has its Passion Play, Riverside s beautiful Easter morning service on Mount Rudoux, and may we not also include Pomona College, with its noble interpretation of Theodore Dubois' famed cantata, "The Seven Last Words of hrist," by the student vested choir of one hundred oices?

The Lenten season at the college is made lastingy significant each year by the presentation on hursday afternoons, in the stately Bridges Hall f Music, of a program of music and devotion. The oft glow of the late afternoon, the great organ nd chimes, the uplifting spirit of the music, all ombine to create an atmosphere of deep worship nd devotion during those days of holy remembrance.

Six Lenten concerts, devoted largely to organ usic, and fittingly culminating in the rendering f Dubois" sacred cantata, struck a high note of everence this year on the Pomona College Campus. As a sign of the deep interest manifested in is musical production, the auditorium of Bridges all was crowded on two successive afternoons. he inspiration of the hour spent in the presence f this great interpretation of the last days of our ord, will not easily fade from the hearts of those ere and throughout Pomona Valley who listened to is revelation of the sacred message of the Lenten eason.

THE SWAIN LECTURES

Richard LaRue Swain has been delivering his ctures in Oakland First Church, in San Jose, resno, Stockton and Mission Church, San Francisco. His custom is to spend a week with each urch. On the whole the attendance in all these aces has been gratifying. The impression Mr. vain has made has been distinctive. The more conrvative of the people have looked upon him with spicion, but such folks are possessed by what E. Slosson calls "neophobia"—a fear of anything w.

The testimony of the pastors who have had him that he has helped the people by his message; one writer says: "I feel that he has made a definite contribution to my religious thinking."

Another says: "I feel that his message is of great importance and help." All speak enthusiastically of the kindness and real sincerity and spiritual efficiency of the man.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

Ripon, where the Association held its meeting, is a delightful cluster of modern bungalows. Really Los Angeles, the city of bungalows, has no where so attractive a spot as Ripon is. As one man said, "Ripon has no palatial homes," but it has cosy, winsome homes, and that is far better.

The pastor of Ripon church, Charles H. Dains, is in the hearts of all the people. Everybody loves him and his wife; and all are saying that already he has done a wonderful work, and he is only beginning there.

In a very attractive church, a monument to the loving and skilful service of J. J. Kelly, a former pastor, the association sat for two days listening to and participating in an interesting prigram. The sermon was preached by Mr. Kelly on "I have many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." Mrs. Ranney was present during the woman's hour and gave an interesting address upon the Jubilee Fund and what it is doing. She reported that the Coast women had already pledged $100,000. Hats off to the women.

C. H. Stevens of Lodi gave a dramatic picture of the Passion Play which he witnessed while abroad last summer. The reports of the churches were bright and dark in spots. Some churches in the association have done wonders; but some of them are having a hard struggle, especially those churches in the mountains where the population is gradually growing less.

George E. Atkinson of Ceres presided with grace and effectiveness; and the net results of the meeting were good.

PERSONALS

Rev. Charles H. Dains reports that he has received into the Ripon church of which he is pastor 36 new members since January 1st; and that, he says, is an increase of a little more than fifty per

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cent in the resident membership of the church. This growth is the result of a quiet and earnest work.

The wife of Rev. B. St. John of Woodside passed away on April 13th. She had been in poor health for some time. She was born in Southington, Conn. They had spent 43 years together in a happy wedded life. The funeral services were conducted in the Redwood Church by Rev. W. B. Thorp and Rev. F. A. Bissell; the interment was at Los Gatos.

A. T. Ruthrauff, for many years a loyal member and officer of the San Francisco Bethany Church passed over the line on March 2 of this year. A good and faithful servant and a kind-hearted friend.

The Congregational Ministers of New York at their April meeting discussed the question: "Is modern science the friend or foe of faith?" The speakers were Rev. G. R. Andrews and Rev. T. M. Powell.

The 'Santa Clara Prunes" had a very enjoyable and profitable meeting in April with Rev. Roscoe Douglass at Saratoga. Prof. D. T. Grover of the Doshisha University, Japan, gave a heart-to-heart talk upon conditions in Japan.

Rev. H. H. Gill in closing a five-year pastorate at Stockton can look back in happy mood upon his record of achievement. Three hundred members have been added to the church; the Sunday school doubled; the benevolences increased from $300 pe year to $2,300; and pledges for current expense nearly doubled.

A two-day conference of all the Congregationa Superintendents of the Coast will be held in Sa Francisco in the early part of June.

Rev. and Mrs. Morrison with a band of their youn people of the San Jose church attended the youn people's meeting of the First Church of Oakland o Sunday evening, April 8th. The special Easter offe ing of the San Jose church was $450.

Nathan Rowell, recently retired from the activ ministry, has gone to Santa Barbara to live wi his son-in-law. His last pastorate was a seven-ye one with the local Mesa Church. He is now pa 80 years of age, and has devoted much of his mi istry to the California field.

Rev. J. J. Kelly, in speaking at the Ripon Ass ciation of his early days when he was working Murphys, said: "I was then a green-red-head Irish boy." At the same meeting Mrs. Swartz w introduced as "the woman whose husband is Pre ident of the Pacific School of Religion."

The First church of Oakland voted Wednesda April 5th, almost unanimously, to accept an off of $275,000 for its property on Clay street, betwe 12th and 13th. It will buy in a better location a put up a more modern building.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHRISTIAN; by Edward crease Bosworth. Pages 94; price $1.25. The Pilgrim Pr Boston.

THEY LIVE: AND ARE NOT FAR AWAY, by Morris Tu Pages 164; price $1.50. A. S. Barnes & Company, New Yo

The Psychology of Prayer: by Karl R. Sto Pages 247; price $1.25 net. The Abingdon Pre New York.

More Parables of Safed the Sage: By William Barton. Pages 130; price $1.25. The Pilgrim Pre Boston, Mass.

A Study of Genesis and Exodus: by the Qu tionnaire Method; by Rollin H. Walker. Pages 2 price $1.00 net. The Methodist Book Concern, N York.

Home Lessons in Religion: A Manual for Mo ers; by Samuel Wells Stagg and Mary Boyd Sta Pages 201; price $1.00 net. The Abingdon Pre New York.

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